

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 9, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 1 and 3-20 were pending, allowed claims 7, 9, 10 and 16-20, and rejected claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 11-15. Claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 11-15 have been canceled and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 7, 9, 10 and 16-20 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested.


As recognized by the Examiner the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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